

County Deer Advisory Council

March Meeting Minutes



County: Vilas

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	3/24/15	7:00 p.m.	Boulder Junction
	Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location

1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

a. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Ken Anderson	at	
	Council Officer Name		Time

b. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Art Kunde, Joe Hovel, Bill Reynolds, Walt Camp, Mike Jovanovic
EXCUSED	Richard Teske
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	public and two DNR staff

c. AGENDA APPROVAL OR REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	No action

d. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	No action

e. REVIEW MEETING AND DISCUSSION ETIQUETTE

2. REVIEW DEER POPULATION METRICS AND TIMELINE FOR SETTING HARVEST QUOTAS

DISCUSSION	DNR Wildlife Biologist Michele Woodford detailed past harvest trends doe:fawn ratios, buck:doe harvest by type taken, WSI, public vs. private lands and more
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3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

COMMENTS	Art Sesser expressed support for a longer earlier November gun season. Duane Harpster spoke on deer habitat, baiting and feeding, increase fines, the need for more "edge"
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4. DETERMINATION OF PRELIMINARY 2015 HARVEST QUOTA AND PERMIT RECOMMENDATION

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION	SEE PRELIMINARY 2015 DEER HARVEST QUOTA AND PERMIT RECOMMENDATION FORM
DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion by Art Kunde second by Mike Jovanovic to have zero quota on both private and public lands. Motion carried with Hoval and Reynolds voting against. Majority felt the estimated harvest of antlerless by youth is all that's needed.

a. COMPLETION OF PRELIMINARY 2015 DEER HARVEST QUOTA AND PERMIT RECOMMENDATION FORM

- DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS MARCH 27

5. COUNTY SPECIFIC ISSUES/CONCERNS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Concerns were one buck/hunter/year, feeding only in winter, lack of young forests so coordinate MFL management with Wildlife Division, eliminate group hunting for youth antlerless harvest

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MATTERS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

7. ADJOURNMENT

County Deer Advisory Council Charter

- Gather public opinion on deer populations and goals, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.
- Review and consider scientific metrics on deer herd trends, impacts to habitat and agriculture and human-deer interactions.
- Provide the department with recommendations on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.